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PORTLAND SAYS PLENTY OF BAIT

Fishermen along the New England coast will feel no bait shortage this year, according to the Portland Press.

There is plenty of it in the freezers everywhere. Not only have herring been brought in in large quantities, but there are large quantities of blue backs and squid on hand to be placed on the hooks. Usually about this time, the men at the freezers begin to wonder if there will be enough bait to last through the winter. For the past few years, the bait fish have been slow in showing up and Portland has generally been forced to supply not only its own fleet but a good part of the vessels in Boston and Gloucester. Only bad weather last winter prevented the available supply from being exhausted altogether. The vessels could not get out to the fishing grounds so not as much bait was used as would have been the case had the weather been better.

All during the present summer, herring, bluebacks and squid have regularly been brought in. They have been dumped into the freezers in Portland and frozen as fast as possible so that practically the capacity of the various places has been filled.

During the first few days of the coming season, the fishermen will use green bait as far as possible, but when there is none to be caught, the supply in the freezers will be drawn on and used until spring. All the ports where bait is stored are well supplied and all the fishermen will be fitted out without extra trouble.

Digby, N. S., Fish Notes.

The August monthly bulletin of Nova Scotia fishery statistics referring to Digby says that haddock have been more abundant than for several seasons, and that no dogfish have as yet appeared. The following catches were reported for Digby county: 2500 lbs. salmon, \$500; 830,400 lbs. cod, \$12,456; 750,100 lbs. haddock, \$12,238; 4,020,000 lbs. hake and cusk, \$32,158; 573,400 lbs. pollock, \$4,587; 831,600 lbs. herring, \$6,288; 77,600 lbs. mackerel, \$4,368; 4000 lbs. halibut, \$280; \$3,620 bbls. clams, \$5075; 2400 lbs. crabs, cockles, shrimps, etc., \$120.

Maritime Fish Corporation purchased last week 15,870 lbs. salt hake; shipped 2752 boxes finnan haddies, 125 drums dry fish.

Arrivals at Capt. Joseph E. Snow's: Sch. Loren B. Snow, 77,385 lbs. mixed fish; shipped 877 boxes finnan haddies, 145 boxes fillets, 7250 lbs. fresh fish.

The steamers of the Boston and Yarmouth Steamship Company have been fitted with telephones from the wireless operators' quarters to the pilot house.

Nova Scotia Fish Co.'s arrivals: Sch. Loren B. Snow, 10,000 lbs. haddock, 11,600 lbs. hake, 1209 lbs. cod, 1200 lbs. cusk; from boatmen, 1350 lbs. haddock; shipped 728 boxes finnan haddies, 16 bbls. fresh fish.

The lightship Lurcher, which has been in port for the past month undergoing her annual overhauling and renovating, is now about ready for sea again. It is expected she will resume her station the first of this week.

Sch. Loren B. Snow, Capt. Ansel Snow, arrived Tuesday with 77,385 lbs. mixed fish and sailed again for the fishing grounds Wednesday. His high dory, manned by James Darcy and Clinton Gilliland shared \$215.52 during the last month.

Big Bluefish Catch.

Never within the recollection of veteran fishermen were so many bluefish seen at one time off Long Island coast as are disporting in the ocean off Patchogue. Experts with years of reputation estimate that there are at present 10,000 tons of bluefish off Long Cove, Walter's Island, and almost every male inhabitant of the town has equipped himself with squid and line and gone fishing for the blues.

Captain Beth Gordon, Captain John Smith, Percy Worth and Charles Sappery Friday caught 250 with lines, going out from the shore only 20 feet. Each fish caught weighed from 10 to 17 pounds. They had several large seines 1500 feet out in the ocean, and so many of the big fish entangled themselves in the nets that the seines were carried from their moorings out to sea by the struggling fish. Pitchforks, they said, could have been used to advantage in place of fish hooks.

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Nova Scotia Fish Figures.

Digby County was high line in the value of fish caught for month of August, \$78,000, with Yarmouth second, \$59,000, and Shelburne third, \$55,459. Halifax, \$50,000, Lunenburg, \$49,166, Guysboro, \$44,694, Cape Breton, \$29,392, Richmond, \$15,943, Queens, \$28,192, Amnapolis, \$23,591, Kings, \$6,154, Cumberland, \$3,025, Colchester, \$1,449, Victoria, \$3,619, Antigonish, \$2,358, and Hants low boat with \$375. The total value of the month's catch was \$438,658.

For the whole of Canada the value of August fisheries was \$2,436,501. The same month last year \$2,453,552. Salmon was King, the month's catch being valued at \$1,521,276.

In Nova Scotia for August cod was King having a value of \$156,770, herring next, \$84,718. The value of the mackerel catch for the month was \$25,880.

For Shelburne County the August catch of cod was \$22,813, herring \$16,793.

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A Fortune If He Can Do It.

To transport live fish 14,000 miles to the American market is the dream of Thomas Keefer, who sailed recently from New York for Siam, via Hamburg, Germany. Mr. Keefer lives in Philadelphia, Pa., and he believes fish can be brought from Siam and landed in this country, without difficulty in large fresh water tanks, notwithstanding the long distance which they have to be carried. Mr. Keefer believes that in a few years all edible fish will be sold alive and that his experiment will bring about means by which scientists will enable dealers to sell fish alive at the door of every household.

Alcona at Bay of Islands.

The refrigerator steamer Alcona has arrived at the Bay of Islands, N. F., information received here stating that she reached her destination Sunday.

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T Wharf's Week's Fish Landings.

A total of 2,851,650 pounds of ground-fish from 83 arrivals was landed at Boston last week, against 1,743,600 pounds from 81 arrivals for the same period of 1911.

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Ready For Launching.

The new sch. Gertrude DeCosta, is about ready to take the water at Essex. The new boat is to be fitted with a crude-oil engine, a new type, never tried aboard a fishing boat. The engine will be a 70-horse power. The new boat is a knockabout, 114 feet long, with 22.6 beam and 12 feet depth. She will register 105 tons gross and Capt. John Shea will command her. His old command, the Stranger, is now commanded by Capt. Stanley, formerly of the Rose Standish.

Iceland Herring Fishery.

The British vice-consul at Reykjavik reports that the herring fisheries of Iceland, which are principally carried on off the north coast, during the past season have resulted in an output of 130,000 barrels of herring, salted for export, as against 140,000 barrels last year. This year 100,000 barrels have been supplied to the local guano factories as compared with 60,000 barrels last year.

Has Attractive Exhibit.

At the Bronx Food Fair and Industrial Exposition, one of the largest food fairs ever held in New York the exhibit of Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company of this city is one of the largest and most attractive. Large crowds are attracted to the Gorton-Pew booth by the novelty of the exhibit which is in charge of Percy Hall.

New Cold Storage Company.

The Rockland Cold Storage & Warehouse Company, of Rockland, Me., has been incorporated; capital, \$100,000. Incorporators: S. S. Nickerson and F. S. Nickerson, Rockland Me. and J. M. Frere Wilmington, Del.

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MAINE HERRING CATCH SMALL.

But few herring are now being caught in this vicinity, says the Portland Argus, the catch being unusually small for the season of the year, and in marked contrast to that of the two preceding years, in one of which something like 30,000 barrels of sardine herring were taken by local fishermen off the Cape and shipped to the factories at Eastport and Lubec, some of the crews making good money. Most of the herring found in this vicinity at present are of medium size and are sold to the fishing schooners for bait, but the smaller kind seem to have disappeared and the fishermen are at a loss to account for it. The fishermen at the eastward are having better luck, although the catch around Eastport and Lubec is far below the normal, but of sufficient size to supply the demand, many of the factories at those places not being running on account of demoralized condition of the business. A large amount of last year's pack having been left over some of the smaller packers cut prices in order to clear their stock, which resulted in a general lowering of prices; the quotations on some goods being the lowest ever known. The South Portland factory has been open for only about one week this season, the few fish found around Yarmouth and up the bay not being enough to warrant its operation. More than six weeks yet remain before the season closes, however, and possibly with cooler weather, the fish may show up again all along the coast.

HERRING HAULS AT BONNE BAY.

Herring have struck in fairly plentiful at Bonne Bay, N. F.

Already several good catches have been made and it is expected that during this week the fish will be more abundant. During the past two weeks fine weather has been noted on the coast and a great quantity of fish is being prepared for the foreign market.

PENSACOLA NEWS.

Red Snapper Reported Scarce—More New Vessels Building.

If the catches reported by smacks arriving here during the week from the snapper fishing grounds are to be the means of judging the quantity of red snapper in the gulf, says the Pensacola News, the fish is rather scarce at this time. During the past two days seven smacks have arrived and discharged cargoes at the Saunders and Warren wharves.

By the policy of the Warren Fish Company to build in Pensacola a majority of the new vessels augmenting their fleet of fishing smacks, Pensacola benefits in no small way. No sooner than one vessel is launched from the ship-building ways at the foot of Baylen street, another vessel is started.

Carpenters in the employ of the Warren Fish Company have already laid the keel, stem to stern of the new hull. Only several weeks ago the new smack, William Hayes was launched from the ways.

The work on this last fishing vessel will be rushed to completion.

James Callaway, a seaman, was given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Marsh this morning on the charge of looting the stranded smack Isabelle and was discharged for lack of evidence. It was alleged that on September 14th Callaway took a number of articles from the smack Isabelle, stranded on a shoal at the entrance of Perdido Bay, but evidence sufficient to support the charge was not adduced and the defendant was discharged.

May Have Fishing Exhibit.

At a special meeting of the St. John's Board of Trade Council the matter of holding a fishery exhibition next year was discussed and favorably received. It is likely that such will take place when the various makes of the home product will be shown, the methods adopted for the cure and cull of fish in foreign countries.

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BRINGS FOURTH SHACKING TRIP

Sch. A. Piatt Andrew Home When Salt Cod Fares Are Much Wanted.

Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, Capt. Wallace Bruce, is here this morning from her fourth shacking trip since launching and hails for 75,000 pounds of salt cod and 25,000 pounds of fresh cod. Capt. Bruce has been absent since August 26 and secured his fine fare in little better than six weeks time.

When the craft comes to figure up her season's work, Capt. Bruce will probably be found pretty well to the top among the high liners of the fleet.

Down from Boston is sch. Mildred Robinson with 35,000 pounds of salt cod, while sch. Rena A. Percy, Capt. John Stream, is over from Portland after disposing of her halibut fare yesterday.

It blew quite a gale outside during the night and the little fleet of torchers and pollockers anchored or tied up inside.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, shacking, 75,000 lbs. salt cod 25,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Rena A. Percy via Portland.
Sch. Flavia, shore.
Sch. Good Luck, shore.
Sch. Priscilla, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Helen G. Wells, pollocking.
Sch. Thalia, pollocking.
Sch. Mary F. Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Newfoundland salt herring trip.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$ 3.62 1-2; medium, \$3.12 1-2; snappers, \$2.
Handline Georges codfish, large, \$4.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.50.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3; snappers, \$2.
Dory handlining codfish, large, \$3.75; medium, \$3.25; snappers, \$2.25.
Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4; mediums, \$3.25.
Drift codfish, large, \$4; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.
Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.
Pollock, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$1.50.
Large salt mackerel, \$26.50 per bbl.; small, \$15 per bbl.
Fledged halibut, 10c per lb.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
Eastern cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.
Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.
All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.
Hake, \$1.20.
Cusk, large, \$1.30; medium, \$1; snappers, 50c.
Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 70c.
Bank halibut, 15c per lb. for white, 10c per lb. for gray; 6c per lb. for chicken.
Fresh mackerel, 25 cts. for large, 18 cts. for medium, 5 cts. per lb. for tinkers.
Fresh porgies, \$1.25 per bbl. for bait; 75c per bbl. for oil.
Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for bait.

Lockport N. S., Fishing Notes.

About 200 barrels of herring were landed here last Tuesday morning and 50 barrels yesterday morning. Swim Bros. trap, which is somewhat damaged, has been taken up.

Dogfish are very plentiful and are seriously interfering with fishing.

Newfoundland Fishing News.

Seal Cove—Boats nothing; herring plentiful; no squid.
Flower Cove—Strong N. W. winds, clear and cold.
Lamaline—Wind N. W.; strong breeze; no fishing being done.

Got Lots of Fish.

Twenty-five thousand dollars have been paid out by mackerel buyers to the fishermen at Clark's Harbor, N. S., the past fortnight.

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SPEAKING OF BEAM TRAWLING

See What It Did to the Haddock Fishery of Peterhead Scotland.

At a meeting of the Peterhead, Scotland, Fish Trade Association held recently, the matter of increasing the number of trawlers being fitted out for herring trawling was discussed and attention directed to the destruction of immature fish. Samples of herrings found in Grimsby market, none of them over five inches long, were shown, and Alexander Wood, who brought up the subject, said that the situation was becoming serious and that if something was not done the result would be the same as befell the haddock fishing which has become practically non-existent. It was suggested that other ports be urged to join in a protest to the Fishery Board and to Parliament to the end that trawling for herring should be prevented.

Sir George Doughty, the fish magnate of Grimsby, England, has been looking around the Canadian coast as a field for his future beam-trawling industry. Sir George is quite a personage "at home" being a Unionist member of Commons and the acting head of a newly organized concern in Grimsby, with \$7,000,000 behind it for operating in the northern Pacific, where it has acquired property and franchises at Prince Rupert. He has hinted to the Canadian Government to pay the way for his crews out from England, saying they would make fine recruits for the navy in time of need. Nova Scotians view the scheme with suspicion.

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POLLOCK IS HEAD LINER

Quite a Number of "Boston Bay Blues" Landed at T Wharf Today.

Groundfish receipts were rather light at T wharf this morning, most of the arrivals being the shore pollockers with fares ranging from 3500 pounds to 18,000 pounds.

Sch. Josie and Phoebe had the largest mixed fare of the morning, hailing for 56,000 pounds, mostly haddock and hake. Other fares were schs. Evelyn M. Thompson 24,000 pounds; Elva L. Spurling, 25,000 pounds; Mary Edith, 33,000 pounds.

Haddock brought \$3.35 to \$4.25 a hundred weight, while large cod was up to \$6 and \$7 and market cod \$4.50 to \$5. Hake sold at \$1 to \$1.50 and pollock, \$2 to \$2.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 32,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 22,000 hake.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 1000 haddock, 7000 cod, 16,000 hake.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 500 haddock, 5500 cod, 13,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Mary Edith, 3500 cod, 22,000 hake, 8000 cusk.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Emily Sears, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Eva Avina, 900 cod, 3500 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Marion, 2500 pollock.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, 7500 pollock.

Sch. Appomattox, 18,000 pollock.

Sch. Juniata, 11,000 pollock.

Sch. Wm. H. Rider, 7000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3.35 to \$4.25 per cwt.; large cod \$6 to \$7; market cod \$4.50 to \$5; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; pollock, \$2 to \$2.50.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Monarch was at Liverpool, N. S., last Friday and cleared for fishing. Sch. Catherine Burke cleared from Canso last Friday for fishing. Sch. Waldo L. Stream was at Shelburne on Friday of last week and cleared.

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Cod Sale.

The fare of salt and fresh cod of sch. A. Platt Andrew sold to F. F. Smith & Company.

The fare of salt cod of sch. Mildred Robinson sold to Cunningham & Thompson.

First Herringer Sails.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Capt. John McKeoughan, sailed this forenoon for Bay of Islands, N. F., being the first of the local herring fleet to get away this season.

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TWO CARGOES CURED FISH

Comprise All the Arrivals at This Port With Fares This Forenoon.

It was pretty quiet along the water front this morning, not an arrival of any description being reported from off shore.

Two cargoes of cured fish are here from the Maine coast, sch. Sadie A. Kimball being consigned to Davis Brothers and sch. Mary J. Beale to Fred Bradley.

Quite a fleet of gasliners are engaged in torching, including several of the Newburyport boats. The landings this morning from last night's catch was about 170 barrels.

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Torchers, 175 bbls. fresh herring. Sch. Sadie A. Kimball, Maine ports, cured fish.

Sch. Mary J. Beale, South West Harbor, Maine, cured fish.

Sch. Wm. H. Rider via Boston.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, via Boston.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, via Portland.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, via Boston.

Sch. Lillian, shore.

Sch. Emily Sears, via Boston.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Pensacola.

Sch. James W. Parker, haddocking.

Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

Sch. Flavilla, haddocking.

Str. Rough Rider, pollock.

Sch. Pythian, pollock.

Sch. Good Luck, pollock.

Sch. Galatea, pollock.

Sch. Rose Standish, pollock.

Sch. Wm. H. Rider, pollock.

Sch. Preceptor, halibut.

Sch. Lafayette, mackerel netting.

Sch. Lillian, mackerel netting.

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HARMONY SALTED HER MACKEREL

Skipper Did Not Think Fresh Price at Portland High Enough.

Nobody would ever have thought it, but mackerel were actually a glut on the market Monday, the Portland Press says. One fare of 7000 pounds was brought in by sch. Harmony of Gloucester and the skipper of the craft refused to sell at eight cents a pound, the price offered. He said he would salt the fish first, and at once proceeded to do so. This is probably the first mackerel that have been salted on the Maine coast for a dozen years.

There were other good fares of mackerel landed Monday. The Tecumseh had 1100 pounds and the Bernie and Bessie had 700 pounds. The other draggers brought in enough to make the total fully 4000 pounds in all.

The fishermen say there is every reason to believe that the mackerel fishing will keep up off the Maine coast for several more weeks. The fish are heading south after a trip north and will be found in the waters until snow flies.

The steamers Bessie M. Dugan and R. J. Killick, which have been fishing at the westward, have now joined the fleet in the vicinity of Portland, the skippers believing that some good catches of mackerel will still be made.

More Fresh Mackerel From Nova Scotia.

The steamer arriving at Boston from Yarmouth today brought 225 barrels of fresh mackerel landed by the Nova Scotia traps and boat fishermen.

Windfall on the Cape Shore.

A real windfall for the Cape Shore fishermen has been the phenomenal run of mackerel in that quarter during all September. At first the schools consisted mostly of small fish, like the well-known summer "tinkers," but the later run was of large size and chiefly abundant at Clarks Harbor and vicinity, where the netmen were kept as busy as they were last fall with the enormous hauls of herring in the same locality. It was a novel occurrence. Neither within the memory of man, according to the legends of the past, had fall mackerel ever appeared in harbors and coves just westward of Cape Sable. Now they fairly swarm, and business is brisk around there. Some netters last week got \$100 worth each, at a single set, and even boys earned \$30 apiece for their daily hauls in any old nets. Nobody has yet attempted to account for this erratic cruise of fall mackerel.

Canadian Salt Mackerel.

The Canadian production of salt mackerel for August was 1,963 barrels of which 1200 barrels came from Quebec, 691 barrels from Nova Scotia, and 72 barrels from Prince Edward Island.

Foreign Mackerel.

The market on Norways has eased off this week, and business is quiet in those lines at present. No definite news as to the exact number of barrels caught is obtainable as yet, but owing to the eagerness of the American buyers, prices have been advanced by the fishermen very materially during the last week. Buyers are rather reluctant to pay the present asking prices, and are waiting for a lower market, which is sure to come if buyers will withhold their orders for a week or two.

Newfoundland Notes.

There was little codfish caught along the coast this past week. Bait was scarce at many points, while at others stormy weather prevented the boats from going out. The situation was not altogether unwelcome, for the fishermen are now most interested in the cure of the fish. Wet weather early in the season prevented the cure then, and now every effort is being put forth to take advantage of the good weather that has come. Some of the fish put out early in the season was not very well cured, but the later goods in most cases are well made fish.

Prices on fish are beginning to reach a firm basis, and the last quotation was in the neighborhood of \$6, with West India thrown out.

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IRISH COAST MACKERELING.

The Fishing Gazette correspondent at Cleggan, County Galway, Ireland, under the date September 30, reports to his paper as follows, viz.: The fall mackerel fishing commenced on this coast on October 1 inst., with very fair prospects of a good season for the first fortnight; but for the past fortnight, owing to harsh easterly winds, the takes have fallen off considerably. The fish are counting when repacked from 360 to 420 to the 200-pound barrel. The quality is very good, fat and good color. The Congested District Board are again curling at the several stations on this coast this season, and both these and the other curers are leaving nothing undone to turn out the cure as perfect as possible and to bring up Irish cured mackerel to the world renowned standard of other Irish products. It is to be hoped that consumers in the United States will show their appreciation of the efforts being made by asking for and seeing that they are supplied with Irish mackerel.

The Congested Districts Board are at present erecting a large reservoir on a hill adjacent to the pier here, where the mackerel are cured, which by means of a powerful windmill will be kept continually full of the purest salt water, which water will be carried along the pier in pipes for the purpose of washing the fish so that hence forward the fish will be in a continual stream of the purest water from the time it is placed in the tanks until packed in the barrels, thus ensuring the most scrupulous cleanliness. The curers have also adopted a system by which all fish are packed in new barrels. Some curers consider that as the fourth grade of other foreign mackerel usually commands from \$2 to \$4 more than Irish ungraded mackerel (which usually averages 350 to 360), and therefore might be called No. 3s, which, according to price quoted, would make them generally \$1 more than No. 3s. The Irish curers are at a loss to know why there should be such a wide difference in price.

Notwithstanding its early close, the season has been one of the most successful for quality caught, and without exception the most successful for a money turnover by fishermen, in the history of the herring industry, while the curers and other merchants are willing to admit that taken all round they have done fairly well. The season began at Stornoway on the west coast, and at Shetland, Orkney, and on the northeast coast early in May, and while this date was recognized as the proper one for Stornoway and other west coast stations, it was feared that such an early start at Lerwick, Wick, Fraserburgh, Peterhead and Aberdeen could only end in disaster to the trade. Indeed, in 1911 both fishermen and curers who traded in early herring lost money, the former by not earning enough to pay working expenses and the latter from the fact that the young, immature fish went wrong in the pickle and could not find a market.

Whatever the cause—probably the prevailing cold weather had something to do with it—the early herring were less tender this season and the demand was so keen for the fish on the Continent that the prices, which began about 3s. and 4s. a cran, gradually rose until as high as 46s a cran was paid, and even now the spawned fish are selling at 30s; and over per cran—a figure probably never before touched in face of such abundant supplies for what is acknowledged to be the worst-selling class of herring.

Nova Scotia Notes.

The mild autumn is compensating to a large extent, for the rather stormy summer. All branches of sea-fishing are being pushed, without interruption, by shore boats and bank fleets. Catches vary according to locality, but the average continues to be fair.

The shellfish commission is now on the wing. This body will work westward from eastern points in the Maritime Provinces. Before they have gone the Nova Scotia rounds the open lobster season will be at hand, if not already begun, in the western section, which covers a wider territory and is more productive than any of the others. Consequently, it will be too late to make any changes in the existing laws till a year hence. Protection for lobsters is evidently long way off. The commission will hold a session in Halifax about the middle of October.